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SEVAREID:

Mr. Dulles, we all know about the failures of American intelligence. Are there any successes we don't know at

DULLES:

Yes, there are a good many. The President said, when he came out to say goodbye to me out at the new building a few months ago---he remarked, "That your failures are always advertised and your successes are unsung." There also a quote, as I remember. I can't remember the exact quote, in a different connection. He said something like this; I think it was after Cuba, "That success has a thousand parents and failure is an orphan." Sometimes, you know, I feel a little like an orphan, but there have been successes too.

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SEVAREID:

Mr. Dulles, you've been in and out of this capital city about forty-five years of your life, mostly on foreign affairs. What's the big change you've seen?

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DULLES:

Well, I think on the whole Eric, the biggest change is the fact that Washington---this great city has now become the international capital of the world. That wasn't true forty-five years ago.

SEVAREID:

Well, we have to make a lot of decisions for a complicated world, but do we have to keep a great big undercover intelligence operation in this open society of ours?

DULLES:

Well, as I say, the world has changed and it is now all under cover. What we are doing---what the Central Intelligence Agency is doing is gathering information about more than a hundred countries and in any one of these countries, events might occur that would vitally affect the security and safety of the United States and the purpose of the Agency really is to collect that information and then make it available to the policy makers, so that---

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A lot of people are very disturbed about the morality

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of such things as the U-2 flight over the middle of a country that we're not at war with. Do we have to do th.

DULLES:

Well, in the modern age, one develops new techniques to do things. After all, for centuries, nations have sent spies into other countries, get them in secretly, get them in on the ground. What is really more immoral to get them in over the air?

SEVAREID:

You mean our sense of morality changes with the times?

DULLES:

Well, I don't know if it's a question of change in the sense of morality, but new means are used to accomplish the same old objectives.

SEVAREID:

Well, were you personally disturbed about the legality, or illegality, or immorality of the Cuban expedition?

DULLES:

Well, you know, I---I don't discuss the Cuban expedition very much, but I---I can say this. We're now in a world

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where our opponent, the Soviet Union, is using every kind of subversive means, penetration, guerrilla warfare, what's going on in South Vietnam, to try to destroy the free world. We have to meet that and one has to meet it with techniques that are adapted to the type of danger we're facing.

SEWARD:

So in other words, the opposition is forcing us to scrap a lot of the old American traditions, aren't they?

DOLLER:

Well, we can't do all of these things merely by appealing to international law, when they don't follow any of the rules of international law in their international dealings, so we have to adopt new techniques.

SEWARD:

To some extent, it's true that what Hitler said, "That totalitarian societies force other societies to imitate them?"

DOLLER:

Well, I hope we don't have to do that, you know. We've

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got to keep our free society. That's the most important thing we have in the world and that is the real thing--- the real distinction between our society and that behind the iron curtain. We have a free society and they have a slave society.

SEVANKID:

I gather your feeling is that if the end in mind is moral, then the means can be flexible?

DULLIES:

Well, I don't know that I put it quite that way. One has to look carefully to the means, but we cannot use only the means of the old type diplomacy to meet the condition of the modern world with a society like the Soviet Union contesting with us---contesting with the free world for the minds of men.

SEVANKID:

Mr. Dullies, some of us are not sure that CIA is properly supervised and double checked by other people in government. Is there a lapse in that sense? Have you been too much on your own?

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DULLER:

No, I don't think so. There's nothing that is done by the C.I.A. in the field that affects policy without full policy clearance. There are committees of Congress to whom the C.I.A. reports fully, as requested, what it is doing, so there is this check and control of the activities of that agency. Of course, I've retired now and I'm speaking of the past days.

ROVAARID:

Well, some of the new books about the C.I.A. suggest vast sums and unvouchered money that you've been free to spend in a free wheeling way without accountability. Is there much truth in that?

DULLER:

No, there's no truth in that. There is accountability. It's true that certain of the funds granted to the C.I.A. are unvouchered in the sense that they are not subjected to the same scrutiny by the General Accounting Office, but there is an internal control that is very complete in the agency itself.

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SEWARD:

But to somebody you do account (finances?)?

DILLIS:

Oh yes, and the Congress can know of these expenditures and of course, they are very carefully accounted for.

SEWARD:

A popular description of you, particularly overseas, is the phrase, "master spy". Do you ever think of yourself that way?

DILLIS:

No, I really don't. I would like to think of myself as a man that's had a certain amount of experience in the international field and a certain amount of ability working with the admirable staff that I had there to put together the information that comes in from all over the world and to try to give our policy makers a sort of a analysis and estimate of what's likely to happen and what they must meet and deal with in forming their policy. We're not a policy making organization. We're a fact gathering and fact analyzing organization.

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SEVAREID:

Has the C.I.A. never done an operation that was apart from, or against official foreign policy?

DULLES:

No, it never has Eric.

SEVAREID:

Mr. Dulles, you get about Washington a great deal and see a lot of people. You're a very gregarious and friendly man. Don't you worry about saying things sometimes socially that you ought not say?

DULLES:

Well, you just learn by long practice, but I have known the time, you know, when somebody asks you a question and you give an answer. You sometimes wonder whether you saw that in a telegram, or read it in one of our great dailies that ^{covers} the international scene, but by and large, I don't think I've committed very many indiscretions of that nature.

SEVAREID:

Nothing that's kept you awake at night anyway?

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DULLES:

You can't keep awake and do a job of that kind. You have to get sleep. I never have really suffered as far as that's concerned.

SEVAREID:

Do you ever learn anything from spy thriller books?

DULLES:

I read them with great interest. Ian Fleming, for example I read and others. I don't know how much you get out of them, but certainly they are interesting and often written by people who have a great deal of background in the---in the business of the underworld.

SEVAREID:

Are Americans as good at this kind of thing---at espionage as Europeans?

DULLES:

There's no reason why we shouldn't be. The United States is often spoken of as the melting pot. We have here in the United States people who have come here, immigrants here from foreign lands and so we can find---to add to our staff, peoples what have great knowledge of languages

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We have the opportunity here, I think---to---

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